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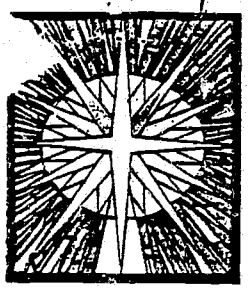


PEOPLES TEMPLE

OF THE
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

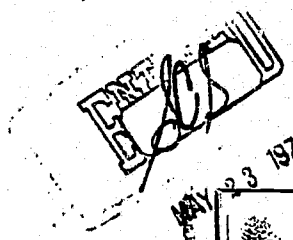
Jim Jones,
Pastor

"For I was an hungered
and ye gave me meat:
I was thirsty
and ye gave me drink;
I was a stranger
and ye took me in;
Naked, and ye clothed me;
I was sick and ye visited me;
I was in prison,
and ye came unto me.

"Then shall the righteous
Answer him, saying,
When saw we thee an hungered
And fed thee?
Or thirsty,
And gave thee drink?
When saw we thee a stranger
And took thee in?
Or naked, and clothed thee
Or when saw we thee sick?
Or in prison,
And came unto thee?

"Verily I say unto you,
Inasmuch as ye have done it
Unto one of the least of these...
...Ye have done it unto me"

Matthew 25:35-40



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Hon. Cyrus Vance
Secretary of State
Main State Building
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Vance:

Yesterday Timothy Stoen organized a demonstration at the Federal Building in San Francisco. He involved a handful of people who claimed they had relatives overseas in Jonestown, Guyana, who were being held there against their will. Many of the participants in fact had no relatives overseas, as they claimed. The small group made allegations that Jonestown is a concentration camp. They carried posters saying that you, as Secretary of State, Mr. Burnham as Prime Minster of Guyana, and Mr. McCoy as U.S. Ambassador, were all complicit in in holding their relatives "captive." They made their ridiculously false charges in front of the media, and the charges were carried across the Bay Area on several TV channels.

Several yards away, nearly a thousand members and supporters of Peoples Temple also made a demonstration. We had learned of Mr. Stoen's intentions beforehand and wanted to be sure that both sides of the story received media attention. Among the thousand supporters were hundreds of people whose mothers, fathers, sons and daughters are in Guyana at the Temple project and who are extremely happy that their relatives are there. Many have visited loved ones; all have received regular and cordial mail; and all were extremely supportive of Rev. Jones' work to build a model community and build better relations between the U.S. and the Caribbean. It is not surprising to us, however, that only the negating side received press coverage. The criticisms of Mr. Stoen against yourself and other government officials were carried in the news as highlights; the good works of the Temple and its mass of supporters were underplayed completely.

With representatives of the U.S. State Department having visited every one of the relatives in question, and having issued thorough reports in order to document their well-being and desire to stay happily where they are, the provocative and purely disruptive nature of Mr. Stoen's and the "Concerned Relatives'" activities is revealed conclusively.

Respectfully,

Jean F. Brown

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cc: President Jimmy Carter